

The minutes of the regular meeting of Lake of the Woods Twp Council which was held on Tuesday January 2nd 2024 at 7pm in the Bergland Council Chambers.

PRESENT Mayor C Fadden, Councillors: K Cottam, N Gate & W Lundgren. Clerk-Treasurer: P W Giles, Rd Supt Ed Pearson.

MINUTES **#24-01 GATE & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council, held on December 5th 2023, be approved as printed.

ACCOUNTS **#24-02 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that the accounts in the amounts of \$133,040.28 and representing disbursements for the month December, be approved for payment. **Councillor Lundgren declared a conflict in the account for his son Graig Lundgren.**

INSURANCE **#24-03 GATE & COTTAM & CARRIED** that Council authorizes the renewal of insurance coverage from Marsh Canada Limited effective January 1 2024. There are no optional coverages to be added and the premium plus tax is \$36,909.32.

ARO **#24-04 LUNDGREN & GATE & CARRIED** that Council receives the report of the Clerk-Treasurer dated December 11 2023 related to Asset Retirement Obligation and the municipality will use a discount rate of 3% for calculation purpose for the ARO.

CLERK **#24-05 COTTAM & LUNDGREN & CARRIED** that effective January 1st 2024 the compensation package for the Clerk-Treasurer be amended to split out \$500.00 per month for office rent. In addition, the township will pay 1/3 of the monthly land line phone for the office.

OTHER The Rd Supt reported on road work including some sanding as there has been little need for plowing due to limited snow fall, winter brushing is to be arranged for a couple surface treated roads subject to contractor availability, the crew will construct some picnic tables for the park areas and 7 replacement batteries for the helipad have been received, work on the garage addition is continuing. The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the budget update, the quote for insurance renewal, preparation for audit, confirmation of OCIF funding of \$100,000.00 for 2024, OMEX financial statements are delayed, MPAC levy of \$27,248.55, NWHU levy the same at \$14,834.03 and Council took no action on memberships for AMO & Good Roads. The CBO monthly report was received.

ADJOURN **#24-06 COTTAM & GATE & CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. And the next meeting be held on March 5th 2024.

_____ Mayor _____ Clerk